

CRASH HALTS TRAIN AFTER CAR IS DRAGGED 3 MILES OVER TIES Trestles Negotiated Without Trouble Before Derailed Trucks Hit Cross-Over at Saugatuck

New Haven Road Wreck Begins at South Norwalk and Ends
When Cars Leave Tracks at Switch League Away

The first wreck reported today on the New Haven lines began at South Norwalk station at 5:15 this morning when the trucks of a coal car in an extra freight were derailed by a broken brake beam. The wreck ended at Westport-Saugatuck station, three miles east, fifteen minutes later, when the derailed trucks hit a cross-over, throwing three cars off the tracks and tying up traffic for several hours.

No one was hurt in the cross-country run of the train. For three miles the derailed trucks bumped gaily over the ties plunging up the roadbed in great shape. The train crew apparently was entirely unaware that anything was wrong until the Westport-Saugatuck station was reached.

At this point, at almost the identical spot where the Westport-Saugatuck field express wreck occurred a few months ago, the derailed car hit a cross-over. Three cars hopped the tracks, but the train continued blithely on its way.

As the derailed cars crashed into the fence that closed the tracks at the station, the train crew became aware that things weren't just as they should be. The fence was shattered to splinters. The engineer, noting that something was wrong, brought the train to a sudden halt. A part of the train was on the drawbridge over the Westport River when it stopped.

The trucks of the coal car, which had been derailed in South Norwalk, left the car at this point and rolled over towards the station. The three derailed cars were not badly damaged, but were strewn carelessly about tracks 1, 2 and 4, so that traffic was impeded. A hurry call brought out a wrecking crew which cleared track 1 within two hours. The other tracks were cleared by noon.

Freight traffic was held up for hours by the vicinity of the wreck, the freight trains being sidetracked to allow passenger trains to use the only available tracks. A dozen freight trains were stuck in various sidetracks between Saugatuck and South Norwalk, and it was after noon before traffic assumed normal conditions.

The wreck of the train is the most unique the road has yet held. The case first derailed was in the center of a thirty-eight car train. While passing over East Washington avenue bridge in the center of South Norwalk, a brake beam dropped and the rear trucks of the car hopped the tracks.

The drawbridge over Norwalk river, east of South Norwalk, was negotiated by the train without trouble. At Saugatuck station, where two other cars left the rails, the roadbed suffered much damage. The train crew left the job early and at noon the tracks had been restored to normal shape. In making the repairs, only temporary wooden ties were not used to replace the damaged ones. The ties which had been gouged by the flanges of the wheels were planned off with adzes. New ties are needed almost over the entire route of the wreck.

C. C. Daniel, of the Public Utilities Commission, came to Bridgeport this morning and at noon left for the scene of the wreck. He is conducting an investigation this afternoon. The railroad company will try to learn why the crew didn't become aware of the accident until fifteen minutes after it occurred.

The New Haven road issued a statement this morning saying that the cause of the wreck was "unknown."

London, Dec. 14.—It was semi-officially stated today, that Roshid Pasha, Turkish delegate to the peace conference, had received fresh instructions from Constantinople not to have Greece in the negotiations. This was construed as immensely favorable to an early peace agreement and an optimistic feeling prevailed in diplomatic and military circles.

The peace first authorized the Turkish plenipotentiaries not to recognize the Greeks in the conference unless they ratified the protocol of Brest-Litovsk, which Turkey, Serbia, Bulgaria and Montenegro were signatories. It was feared that this would lead to complications and long drawn out parley that would greatly delay the decision. The report generally was accepted as authentic, today, that Bulgaria had made overtures to become a party of the triple alliance, the union of Italy, Germany and Austria. The fact of M. Danef, Bulgarian peace delegate, to Premier Poincaré, of France, though, caused special attention because France is a member of the triple entente.

Mr. Edward Gray, today, formally received the Turkish and Bulgarian peace delegates at the foreign office. They were accorded the same courtesies as were extended to the Greeks, Serbians and Montenegrins who called yesterday. After the formal reception Roshid Pasha for the Turkish and M. Danef, heading the Bulgarians, held a private conference to discuss plans for Monday's opening negotiations. It is stated that the claims of each of the Balkan states would be supported by all of them.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 14.—One thousand miners in the east Ohio coal fields struck today, and the adjournment of a conference here after a failure to reach an agreement between miners and operators in East Ohio districts where 17,000 men are employed, may mean a strike in those mines.

The conference continued five days, the dispute being over payment for block turnings. The men demanded extra pay for this work and the companies refused.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT
WILSON'S FAMILY
HOMEWARD BOUND**

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 14.—(Via Jamaica).—Governor Wilson, the President-elect, his wife and daughters, accompanied by his entourage of newspaper correspondents, sailed for New York, aboard the steamship *Mauretania*, Sunday at 10:30 a. m. The boat was expected to reach New York Monday. A large crowd gathered on the quay to bid good-bye to the Wilsons and cheered them lustily. "I'm feeling fine and had a great vacation," was Gov. Wilson's comment.

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"CRUCIFY THEM" CRIED PEOPLE SAYS GOVERNOR

Oregon's Chief Executive Calls Himself a Yellow Dog
Let Man He Believed Guiltless of First Degree Murder Swing to Rebuke the People

Salem, Ore., Dec. 14.—While the four men whose lives were forfeited to the law in the state penitentiary here, yesterday, were being hanged, a dramatic scene that may prove history, was being enacted in the office of Gov. Oswald West in the state house. Until the last moment the attorneys for Mike Morgan, one of the four doomed men, fought for a reprieve.

"Every good people, in order to succeed, must have a yellow dog for its foe to kick," West said. "I am that dog. Hanging is a medieval, barbaric practice. But the people of this state voted against the abolition of capital punishment and I am letting these men hang today I am simply obeying the mandate of the people."

"But governor," pleaded an attorney, "Morgan didn't commit this crime. He didn't get a fair trial. He never had his day in court or a chance to tell his story."

The governor rose wearily and said: "I believe you. I believe Morgan didn't kill Johnny Yorks with premeditation. If I reprieve him now I know I tell you, I know that the moment you abolish hanging will be delayed for years."

"Morgan didn't kill Yorks with premeditation, but we will let Morgan hang with the rest. The people clamored for the lives of these men. They crucified them publicly."

With tears in his eyes but with his lips curled in a sneer he concluded the interview. "It would be unfair to our invited guests who have looked forward with pleasure to this event at the penitentiary to rid them of a single link on the program."

**UNIONS URGE
APPOINTMENT
OF MR. COATES**

James A. Coates has been endorsed by the Bridgeport Typographical Union, by which his candidacy for the office of assistant factory inspector is urged. The Central Labor Union has also endorsed Mr. Coates, who is first vice president of the New England Typographical Union.

Mr. Coates resides in Fairfield. He has had a large experience in labor organization and economics and is familiar with the requirements of modern factory practice in sanitation and safety appliances.

**SHERIFF EXPECTS
BLOODY BATTLE
IN TAKING RECORDS**

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 14.—Having waited for two days for the residents of Jay, Delaware county, Okla., to give up their records, Sheriff Thompson is again preparing to take them by force. The sheriff has sent word to the residents of Jay to carry out the order of the district court and is making all preparations for a bloody battle unless the governor intercedes.

Thompson believed that after the excitement had cooled down the armed men holding the courthouse at Jay would decide to give up the records in accordance with the court's order, but when it became evident that the residents were not going to give up the records, he prepared for further action. Sheriff Thompson has been asked to send deputies to aid in the assault on the courthouse at Jay.

Thompson said that he has arranged for several physicians to be on hand in case of an emergency. A bloody battle unless the governor intercedes.

**NEWFIELD M. E.
CHURCH MUSICAL**

The people of the East End had a great musical in the Newfield Methodist church last evening. The main auditorium was filled and the program was a most successful one. The choir, consisting of Mrs. Harriet Rutz as accompanist for Mrs. Griesinger, and Miss Ida Heister accompanying Miss Lockwood.

The hearty reception of every number and the enthusiastic applause calling for an encore to almost every selection proved that the event was of an unusual quality.

Those who participated in the excellent program, vocal and musical numbers, were Bertha A. Wagner, Elizabeth Griesinger, Ruth Lockwood, E. H. Crossman, L. D. Chisard, R. Greene, L. E. Hubbard, Vera Atherton and Mrs. F. L. Munich.

Tomorrow Rev. Alfred Evans of Bound Brook, N. J., will be the preacher in the morning, and Rev. J. F. West of Florence, Mass., will preach in the evening.

**MERIDEN YOUTH ATTEMPTS
SUICIDE AND MAY DIE**

Meriden, Dec. 14.—Keron Daley, 23, who attempted suicide by shooting in front of the Baptist Church at Yaleville, last night, is in a local hospital in a critical condition. The bullet, a .38 calibre one, entered a lung and the outcome is feared.

While his parents say they know of no reason for the attempt his friends say it is a case of unrequited love.

**TRAINMEN KILLED WHILE
ASLEEP IN THE CABOOSE**

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 14.—H. A. Grove and P. H. Thornton, New York Central trainmen, were killed in a freight wreck near the suspension bridge today. Both men were asleep in the caboose of their train at the time and were crushed to death.

SPECIAL GRAND JURY DRAWN POLICE PROBE

Result of Conference Between Justice Goff and District Attorney on Vice Situation.

Wholesale Indictments of Police Officers, Brothel Proprietors and Graft Collectors Expected.

New York, Dec. 14.—Real action in the vice situation in this city was made certain, this afternoon. Following a conference between Justice John F. Goff and District Attorney Whitman, a score of process servers were sent out to serve warrants. All will be taken before the special grand jury drawn as a result of the Becker scandal, on Monday, and it was believed, this afternoon, that wholesale indictments of police officers, proprietors of disorderly houses controlled by the so-called vice trust, and graft collectors are certain.

District Attorney Whitman stated that some of the witnesses were planning to get out of town if he permitted the investigation to go over until the first of the year, as had been planned, and Justice Goff agreed with him that immediate action was necessary if the town was to be cleaned up.

With the aldermanic investigating committee and Commissioner Waldo's office appearing to have a plan of investigation, developments in the inquiry into police graft indicated a sharp shape-up in the personnel of the force.

Thousands of policemen in New York City have been brought under suspicion by the testimony of Mary Goode before the aldermanic committee and the police commissioner has been put on the defensive before the vice probe of the aldermen.

Hearings of the aldermanic committee will be resumed, next Wednesday, and the committee will be assisted by many witnesses to substantiate the story of Mrs. Goode.

Mr. Rucker, the complainant, said that the company's employees were negligent in not warning him of the mine and in not having the train under proper control. The suit is returnable to the January term of court.

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Madison Square Garden, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Desperate sprinting, the equal of which has not been witnessed in 10 years, marked the early morning hours at Madison Square Garden, today. Although miles behind the record, because of the dallying of late Thursday and early Friday, the men rode at a wonderful clip from shortly after one o'clock this morning, right to the end of the race.

The race, which had been expected to be a close one, was won by a five-year-old colt named "The Great One," owned by the team of Moran and Kramer, and ridden by a jockey named "The Great One." The race was won by a five-year-old colt named "The Great One," owned by the team of Moran and Kramer, and ridden by a jockey named "The Great One."

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**COMMISSION GETS
AFTER EXPRESS CO'S
TO SHOW CAUSE**

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered every interstate express carrying company in the country to submit to it a statement showing cause before that date why the commission's sweeping decision to regulate recently declared should not become effective.

**BODY OF COLONEL
TAYLOR IN RUINS**

Pittsburgh, Dec. 14.—Firemen and police early today were still searching for the body of "Colonel" John A. Taylor, believed to be in the ruins of the Library Palace apartment fire. Taylor was general agent for the Bureka Pipe Line and one of the best known oil men in western Pennsylvania.

40 BIG SHIPS ASSEMBLING IN NAPLES HARBOR

Italian Government Gives Secret Orders to Prepare in Event of Hostilities

Triple Alliance Agrees to Send 90,000 Troops to Durazzo and Valona

Naples, (Via Chiasso), Dec. 14.—The Italian government, today, secretly ordered the merchant marine of the nation to assemble 40 of their largest ships in the Naples harbor immediately for possible use as transports. It was learned from a semi-official source.

In the event of hostilities between Austria-Hungary and Serbia, it was learned, the triple alliance has agreed to send 90,000 soldiers to Durazzo and Valona.

RUSH ORDERS

Antwerp, Dec. 14.—Newspapers here, today, published despatches that all of the military reserves of Austria-Hungary now residing in Belgium have received rush orders to join the colors.

SUBJECTS DETAINED

Belgrade, Dec. 14.—Austria steamboat companies have discontinued their sailings to Serbian ports on the Danube. It was known, today, Austria-Hungary subjects, in business in Serbian towns, are forcibly detained when they return across into Austria-Hungary, unless they are over 42 years of age, the maximum age limit of the Austrian army.

**KILLED BY TRAIN
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South Bend, Ind., Dec. 14.—That in the arrest of Ben Franklin, called the "human torch," and Ben Kahn, a South Bend merchant, both indicted by the grand jury recently for arson, they have a tangible clue for uncovering operations of an "arson trust" nationwide in scope which has already caused millions of dollars in fire losses, is the belief of authorities here, today.

The two men are being sweated by prosecuted Montgomery and Captain of Detectives Cassidy who expects to get a confession from Franklin at least.

That the "arson trust" has headquarters in New York and Chicago and employs operatives to set fires in the country at so much per fire is the assertion of the police and insurance men interested in the case.

**WOMAN GUILTY
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WIFE OF SUPT. OF STREETS A. J. BODINE KILLS HERSELF BY INHALING GAS IN CLOSET

Was a Beautiful and Accomplished Woman Entirely Devoted to Husband and Family

Mind Had Been Disturbed by Newspaper Clippings Relating to "Public Official"—Mr. Bodine Absent in New York, Does Not Know of Wife's Death—Neighbor Dreamed She Saw Dead Woman in Pool of Blood

Grieving over the absence from the city of her husband which she had coupled to anonymous newspaper clippings sent to her by neighbors, Mrs. A. J. Bodine, wife of Albert J. Bodine, superintendent of Street Cleaning and a prominent store keeper on the East Side, this morning committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas in her home at 419 Barnum avenue.

A little daughter escaped from the effects of the gas only through the forethought of the mother who opened a window in the room of the sleeping child and shut the door leading to the hall.

The wife committed some time between 5 o'clock and 7:30, when the housekeeper, Mrs. Ida Spring, absent for the night, returned to the house and detecting a strong odor of escaping gas, instituted a search for her mistress, with the result that she was found dead in a closet adjoining the family living room, with a cloth thrown over her head and a gas tube, disconnected from a small heater in the room, inserted in her mouth.

Responding to a telephone call from the apartment at 7:50, Dr. E. A. Davis, of the Emergency station, found the woman had been dead for but a short period of time, and referred the case to one of investigation by a medical examiner, who later issued a permit for the removal of the body, finding death due to suicidal asphyxiation.

An attempt to reach Mr. Bodine, who in company with George L. Catlin of the Board of Contract and Surplus, is said to have left for New York yesterday afternoon to attend a demonstration of a street cleaner contemplated for use in the city, was unsuccessful, and up to a late hour this morning he was unaware of the death.

Alfred J. Diamond, an assistant to Mr. Bodine in the Public Works department, and an old friend, was called to the house to take charge of the household until Mr. Bodine's return.

It was seen by a reporter for The Farmer Diamond at first refused all information about the case but later consented to make public the facts.

He said: "This is indeed a sad affair as Mrs. Bodine was a devoted wife and worshipped the very ground on which she stood. She was married and eighteen years, coming here from Detroit, where Mrs. Bodine is now residing. She was a beautiful woman and an accomplished musician, having taught music for three years and one brother. She was a devoted wife and worshipped the very ground on which she stood."

It is true that Mrs. Bodine was at one time confined in Dr. Rudland's Sanitarium at Westport where she remained a couple of months. Since then she has been under the care of her family physician, Dr. Dorland Smith. Her condition has been steadily improving and she has been able to find signs of insanity. It was thought that a rest from her work would accomplish the cure.

According to residents in the house Mrs. Bodine's condition recently took a turn for the worse. She was a nurse in attendance. It was said that while in Detroit last summer she had sent her clipping from a local paper, which, though containing no names, related to a city official whose name was known to her before a woman's house in a street adjoining the official's home. Coupling this "anonymity" with the fact that she was a known manner with her own home, she is said to have hurried back to Bridgeport and to have rapidly developed nervous disorders which necessitated her removal to the sanitarium. It is also related by a neighbor that she had a performance of the Merry Widow Company at a local theatre, two men and a woman, one of whom the suicide mistook for her husband were seen by the overwrought woman performing a part in front of the house between 12 and 1 o'clock in the morning.

After Mr. Bodine had left for New York yesterday, Mrs. Bodine was heard pacing to and fro in the upstairs rooms.

According to Mrs. Ida Spring, the housekeeper, who refused conversation with newspaper reporters this morning, she said that "she was greatly upset over the incident," but who was consulted by Mr. Diamond upon observing the woman's condition appeared cheerful during the evening, playing games and cards, until her daughter was sent to bed shortly before 10 o'clock. A sick call in her own house, held calling Mrs. Spring from the residence, the deceased woman remarked to somebody that "she was soon to be dead, as at different times during the night footsteps were heard above the occupants of the apartment on the first floor."

Both Mrs. Paula Spoettie, who conducted a dressing parlor below, and Mrs. Blakeman, who resides in the adjoining apartment of the same house, heard a banging of the Bodine front door shortly after 5 o'clock. They were awakened from their slumbers by the noise which ceased as footsteps removed, and upon returning to bed, Mrs. Bodine was found dead. It was too much excited to unlock the

bolt which had been bolted outwardly when the door was first opened. It was but a few minutes later that a strong odor of gas was noticed in the Blakeman apartments, but upon conferring with the Edwards and Spoettie families, the incident was passed over as of little moment.

Upon the arrival of the ambulance from the Emergency hospital, Hazel, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bodine, was awakened and sent to the home of Mrs. M. W. Redshaw, 401 Noble avenue, an aunt of Mr. Bodine, where the sad news was broken to her. Two other daughters, Bernice, seven years old, and Elizabeth, five, are in Detroit where they were sent by the family after the mother's sad condition first became apparent.

Two incidents were related by neighbors today. The first a vision of Mrs. Paula Spoettie who upon the return of Mrs. Bodine from the sanitarium, told the family that she saw the woman lying in a pool of blood, attended by her husband; and the second, a persistent and unconfirmed rumor, that Mrs. Bodine left the house early this morning and visited the homes of two old friends who lived near the Bodines when residing upon Maple street—Mrs. J. C. Anderson and Mrs. John F. Dorsch. At the Anderson home it was learned that the owner was absent at the home of Mrs. Dorsch. It was denied that Mrs. Bodine had been there either yesterday or today, and it was said that Mrs. Bodine had been there yesterday to visit relatives at North East, Penn.

Ending the arrival of Mr. Bodine, funeral arrangements are under the direction of Henry E. Bishop.

**WANTED TO SEE
HIS FRIEND GET
FAIRFIELD SALOON**

Witness at Hearing on Thomas Noon's Application Gives Novel Reasoning For Remonstrance

The third chapter in the Fairfield liquor license mystery was made public this morning when the county commissioners held a hearing on the remonstrance against Thomas Noon. The latter wants a renewal of his license in Fairfield and there was some opposition.

Benjamin Betts of Fairfield, who is opposed to any new saloons in Fairfield, declared he had no personal objection to Noon. Then came the unexpected appearance of Andrew Vecsey. His name was on the list but nobody could locate him. He said: "I'd like to see this Mr. Vecsey," remarked Noon. "Well, it isn't our fault if he isn't here," said Attorney John J. Phelps. "And they certainly can't blame us," echoed the commissioners. After all these remarks a motion picture of the man was shown here I am." Vecsey had been sitting there all the time but had kept quiet during the hearing. He was opposed to Noon because he wanted to see Christian Rist get the license. The witness knew Rist many years and thought he was a great little fellow.

Noon has been accused of selling the license twice. He explained this by saying that he first offered it to Rist and received a deposit of \$50. Rist wouldn't pay the rest until Noon could furnish a court certificate. So the deal dragged along. Then Kinsella offered to take a chance on the certificate and Noon sold the business to him.

The commissioners have given no decision in the matter.

**AGED CRITIC OF ABE
LINCOLN LAID TO REST**

New Haven, Dec. 14.—Dr. Fayette Hall, for years one of the best known dentists of the state and more widely known as "the man who didn't like Lincoln," was buried, this afternoon, in Wallingford. He was 88 years old and died from the effects of injuries received in a fall. He closely resembled Lincoln and gained much prominence through his book, "The Real Abraham Lincoln," a scathing criticism of the President.

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